

## Russell Contaras Testimony

My name is Russell Contaras  
I am a self Advocate  
I am a person who uses a Wheelchair  
I am a person with a Disability  
But Most importantly I AM A PERSON  
not a Dollar Sign.

I am a Person who has not  
Reached his full Potential  
20 years of Level Funding  
has made me who I am Today.

With the Governor's Cuts and cuts  
this Legislative body may make.  
I will soon be 10% less of a person.

I am worried that I wont have staff to assist me in and out of my Wheelchair.  
I am worried I wont have staff to help me with my Medical needs.  
I am worried their wont be enough staff on shift to evacuate me and my housemates in case of an emergency.  
I am worried that I might have to move back in with my Elderly Parents or worse a Nursing Home.

Last Month The Governor Told us at the Rally that he would give us Money to fix up our homes.

I may want a new roof , I **need** staff support.  
I may want a newly painted house, I need staff to be in my Home.  
I may want a new Furnace, I need to be safe and evacuate safely while in my home.

I am a self advocate  
I am a voter  
I am a Person asking you to look at me and not the Dollar signs.